

“The Lord’s Call to Follow Him”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 31:2-3, 1, 5, 9, 16

Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to | save me.*
 For You are my rock and my | fortress.
 Therefore, for Your | name’s sake,*
 lead me and | guide me.
 In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never | be ashamed;*
 deliver me in Your | righteousness.
 Into Your hand I commit my | spirit;*
 You have redeemed me, O Lord | God of truth.
 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in | trouble;*
 my eye wastes a- | way with grief.
 Make Your face shine upon Your | servant;*
 save me for Your | mercies’ sake.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK Luke 18:39
 And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 O Lord, we implore You, mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus TLH 409, LSB 685
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1. Let us ever walk with Jesus
 Follow His example pure,
 Flee the world, which would deceive us
 And to sin our souls allure.
 Ever in His footsteps treading,
 Body here, yet soul above,
 Full of faith and hope and love,
 Let us do the Father’s bidding,
 Faithful Lord, abide with me,
 Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
 To His image, e’er conform;
 Heaven’s glory soon will please us,
 Sunshine follow on the storm.
 Though we sow in tears of sorrow,

We shall reap with heavenly joy;
 And the fears that now annoy
 Shall be laughter on the morrow.
 Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
 There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

4. Let us gladly live with Jesus;
 Since He’s risen from the dead,
 Death and grave must soon release us.
 Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
 We are truly Thine own members:
 Where Thou livest, there live we.
 Take and own us constantly,
 Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
 Jesus, here I live to Thee,
 Also there eternally.

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES’ CREED
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
 Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
 and was buried. He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the
 dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at
 the right hand of God, the Father
 Almighty. From thence He will come to
 judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian church, the communion of
 saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
 resurrection of the body, and the life
 everlasting. Amen.

3 PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER
 Our Father, who art in
 heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily
 bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who
 trespass against us;
 and lead us not into
 temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and
 the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have kept me this night from all
 harm and danger; and I pray that
 You would keep me this day also
 from sin and every evil, that all my
 doings and life may please You.
 For into Your hands I commend
 myself, my body and soul, and all
 things. Let Your holy angel be with
 me, that the evil foe may have no
 power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have graciously kept me this day;
 and I pray that You would forgive
 me all my sins where I have done
 wrong, and graciously keep me this
 night. For into Your hands, I
 commend myself, my body and
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy
 angel be with me, that the evil foe
 may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: **The Lord's Call to Follow Him**

Grace, the love of God for sinners on account of Christ Jesus's death, is not easily understood. The disciples don't understand it, at least not yet. The Promised Seed of the woman, must enter the ground, die and rise again on the third day. The blind man saw with eyes of faith that Jesus is that Promised Seed. He cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" All that he wanted was to see the glory of His Lord and to marvel at His wondrous deeds. The Love that travels the way of Calvary also opens your eyes, to see that you have been called like Matthias to be His, to belong to Jesus. He is your eternal treasure that you can hold on to while others revile you, persecute you, and lie about you. In Jesus, you are more than vindicated, you are forgiven.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: **Luke 18:31-43 Blind Receive Sight**

Jesus predicts His death. His disciples are spiritually blind to the truth and don't see how Jesus will fulfill the prophets. They drew near to Jericho and a physically blind man called out, "**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!**" The blind man's faith has made him well. The disciples, and all when they saw it, praised God. Your spiritual eyes have been opened to see Jesus for who He is. Jesus is the Son of Man. He is the One who travels to Calvary to die and rise again for you.

Jesus, help us continue to see You as our Lord and Savior. Amen.

MON

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 26 Vindicate Me, O God**

The psalmist is being charged with being self-righteous, and placing himself over God in a Pharisee-like fashion. But is he? No. He's not. He's defamed. Yet, in the face of lies and deceit, he walks in redeemed integrity. He is less Pharisee and more Publican standing behind the pillar in the temple beating his breast. "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Lord, be merciful to us sinners. Amen.

TUE

SCRIPTURE: **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 What is love?**

The greatest of these is love. This love is not self-serving. It's not a Love that works the way that the world wants love to work. The love we're taking about is God's self-sacrificing love. It is a love that journeys to Calvary, is crucified, dies and rises again for you. It is a love you, now love because He first loved you. It is a love that covers a multitude of sins, in fact all of your sins. It's in this love that we begin our Lenten journey next week.

Lord, keep us in Your love. Amen

WED

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 6:16-21 Treasures in Heaven vs Treasures on Earth**

Repent. Put on sackcloth and ashes. Your earthly treasures are eventually destroyed, or their worth is. Our hearts create more and more treasures than we need. When we have the newest gadget, gizmo, or thing-a-ma-bob we're off to wanting and collecting new treasures. All lead to spiritual emptiness. There is only one treasure that satisfies the desires of every living thing and your soul. That thing is Jesus Christ. He gives you eyes to see the wondrous deeds of His cross and resurrection.

Lord, help us store up treasures in heaven. Amen.

THU

SCRIPTURE: **John 12:23-36 The Seed Must Die**

What does it mean to hate one's own life? The long and short of it is this: it's to put your life to service of Christ. This involves dying to yourself, your desires, your treasures, your passions of the flesh in repentance. This involves daily being raised to new life in Christ's righteousness. It means doing the works He has prepared for you to do on account of Jesus' seeded death and Easter resurrection. It means following Jesus as His servants who rely on the good and gracious will of God in Christ Jesus to save us.

Lord, help us to follow You and put You first. Amen.

FRI

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 11:25-30 Matthias Who is Given Rest in The Lord**

Judas was dead. He killed himself. He refused to believe that Jesus's Calvary won forgiveness of sins. After the Ascension of our Lord, the disciples gathered together to ensure that they had twelve yet again. Matthias was chosen because he knew Jesus, and through Jesus, he knew the Father. He had the yoke of Jesus' death and resurrection placed upon him. Eventually, he too was given His rest in His Savior who conquered death.

Lord, we thank You for Matthias. Amen.

SAT

SCRIPTURE: **Psalms 27 Presence of God**

Psalms 27 declares that the Lord is my "light", "salvation," and the "stronghold of my life." Because of this, we want to be where He is, and to "gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple." We want to be on the receiving end of His gifts. And so we pray with David, knowing that the Lord is the only One to whom we can turn for aid. We plead our case before Him and wait knowing that He gives us rest in His Son that is awaiting us in the resurrection of all flesh.

Lord, let us be in Your presence and receive Your gifts. Amen.